MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes, I see that an estimate for a groyne for Rs. 2,550 has also been prepared by the Executive Engineer but subsequently the P. W. D. seem to have thought that they would wait after closing the breach and see whether a groyne is necessary or desirable. The Chief Engineer says that the department would see the effects of floods this year and decide whether the groyne should be constructed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Has the Executive Engineer suggested that the groyne is necessary for the protection of the bund?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Of course, the Executive Engineer has prepared an estimate for the groyne also. The department decided to see the effects of the monsoon before coming to a conclusion as to whether the groyne should be constructed at all.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Am I to understand that the Chief Engineer wanted to see whether this year's floods will take away the bund and then decide whether the groyne is necessary or not?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That requires no answer from me, Sir.

Registry of lands in Chemmaruthi pakuthi.

42. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether more than one and a half years ago some members of the depressed classes occupied the concessional *puduval* in Varkala, Chemmaruthi pakuthi, after applying for the registry of the same;

(*b*) whether the lands have been registered in their names till now (1-7-1931); and

(*c*) if not, the reasons for the delay in passing orders on the application?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) A co-operative society has to be organised before the lands are assigned to the applicants and the matter is pending action in the Co-operative Department.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With regard to the answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know, Sir, when the fact of the occupation of the area was brought to the notice of the Protector of the Depressed Class?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I have not got that information just now before me.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know why, when it was known that they occupied these lands one and a half years ago, steps were not taken for registering the properties in their name?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : According to the proviso to part 2 of rule 24 of the Puduval Rules, a Co-operative Society of the depressed classes who have applied for the registry of the area has to be organised before the lands are assigned to them.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know whether any step was taken for registering the co-operative society ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies was addressed on the subject and he is taking action in the matter.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Is the Registrar of Co-operative Societies also the Protector of the Depressed Classes ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know what action was taken by the Protector in regard to this matter ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : I am not able to supply that information just now.

Trivandrum Water Works Scheme.

43. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether the present Chief Engineer has special qualifications in Water Works Engineering, and, if so, what they are ;

(*b*) whether he has studied and scrutinised the scheme for the Trivandrum Water Works ;

(*c*) whether he approves of the scheme as it stands ;

(*d*) whether he has considered the question of the availability of sufficient water for supply to the Trivandrum town ; and

(*e*) when the Water Works will be completed ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes. The present Chief Engineer was in direct charge for about four years of the construction of the new Madura, Tuticorin and Ramesvaram Water Works and improvements to the Dindigal Water Works, and was subsequently in charge of the investigation and design of a large number of Municipal Water Works in the Madras Presidency from 1922 to 1930.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) He approves the general major features of the scheme and has only had to modify details in design of individual sections of the scheme.

(*d*) The Chief Engineer has no reason to doubt the opinions of the previous Chief Engineers and of Mr. Madeley, that the source of supply is adequate.

(*e*) The 'completion' of a water supply scheme usually tails out and is difficult to predetermine. The scheme is expected to be brought into operation in 1108.

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